New rail services

†*16. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government would consider to start rail services on the routes from Amritsar to Mumbai *via* Hanumangarh-Bikaner-Jodhpur-Ahmedabad, from Jaipur to Puri *via* Kota-Bina-Katni-Bilaspur-Jabalpur-Sambalpur-Bhuvneshwar, from Jaipur to Kanyakumari *via* Jodhpur-Ahmedabad-Konkan rail route-Coimbatore-Cochin-Trivandrum, and from Ajmer to Bhopal *via* Chittaurgarh-Kota-Baran-Bina-Bhopal?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): No, Sir. There are no such proposals at present.

Cancer treatment in Delhi

*17. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many hospitals in Delhi have been empanelled for specialized treatment in cancer;

(b) whether empanelled hospitals are providing free/cashless treatment to pensioners;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what Government are doing to ensure that pensioners are given free/cashless treatment in specialized hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (d) No private hospital could be empanelled by CGHS, Delhi, for specialized treatment in cancer. However, to enable the CGHS beneficiaries to get treatment for cancer, instructions have been issued to permit cancer patients to get themselves treated at the following hospitals:-

(i) Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, Sarita Vihar, Mathura Road, New Delhi;

(ii) Batra Hospital and Medical Research Centre, 1, Tughlakabad Institutional Area, New Delhi;

(iii) Dharmshila Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, Dharmshila Marg, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi; and

(iv) Rajiv Gandhi Cancer and Research Institute, Sector 5, Rohini, Delhi.

As the above mentioned hospitals are presently not on the list of CGHS empanelled hospitals, these hospitals are not obliged to extend credit facilities to pensioners.

As per Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signed between the private empanelled hospitals and CGHS, pensioner beneficiary of CGHS who are referred to these hospitals by the CGHS, are extended credit facility and the pensioner beneficiary is not required to make any payment at the hospital for treatment. After treatment, the hospital raises its bill on the CGHS, which is paid to the hospital as per the existing package rates.

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